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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR CANDIDATES

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1. CARL WILMS-WRIGHT WAS BORN IN DORTMUND,GERMANY
FEBRUARY 18, 1950. HE BECAME A BRITISH CITIZEN AT
AN EARLY AGE.IN 1970 HE GRADUATED FRM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
LONDON WHERE HE MAJOREDIN ECONOMICS.HE THEN SPENT ONE YEAR IN THE
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN STUDIES AT THE
UNIVERSITYOF
READING.AFTER RECEIVING HIS MASTERS DEGREE,HE BECAME A RESEARCH
ASSISTANT ON THE STAFF OF THE LABOR COMMITTEE FOR
EUROPE,AN ORGANIZATON SET UP BY LABOR PARTY MEMBERS
OPPARLIAMENT WHO FAVORED BRITISHMEMBERSHIP IN THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.FROM JANUARY 1973 TO APRIL 1974,
WILMS-WRIGHT WAS A MEMBER OF THE CABINTET OF EC
COMMISSIONER GEORGE THOMSON WORKING ON ECONOMIC
ASPECTS OF EC REGIONAL POLICY.

2. ON MAY 1, 1974,WILMS- WRIGHT WAS APPOINTED STAFF
ECONOMIST WITH THE ICFTU SECRETARIAT.HE WAS THE
PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THE ICFTU'S POSITION PAPER
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE,ADOPTED AT THE ICFTU
WORLD CONGRESS IN MEXICO LAST YEARIN APRIL 1975
HE ESTIFIED ON BEHALF OF THE ICFTU AT THE JOINT
HEARINGS ON MULTINATONAL COMPANIES CONDUCTED BY
MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE US
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CONGRESS IN MUCH. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT
AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND HAS
COLLABORATED WITH THAT UNION ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC STUDIES.

3. WILMS-WRIGHT, DESPITE HIS YOUTH AND HIS RELATIVE
INEXPERIENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR FIELD, IS
ALREADY AMONG THE MORE HIGHLY REGARDED MEMBERS OF THE ICFTU
STAFF. HE OBVIOUSLY HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE
WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND IT WAS ON THE BASIS OF THIS POTENTIAL
THAT THE MISSION RECOMMENDED HIM FOR A LEADER GRANT.
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